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### Letter from the President

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the Thoroughbred Chorus' 67th Annual Show.

Welcome to, REMINISCE A Tribute to the Rat Pack: A Thoroughbreds Holiday Spectacular!, the 67th Annual Show of the Thoroughbred Chorus as we welcome International Quartet finalist, After Hours. We are excited to entertain you today with a new look, sound and enthusiasm. Todays show is a tribute to the Rat Pack and we Celebrate Frank Sinatra's 100th Birthday. Look for more information about the members of the Rat Pack in this program.

I offer special thanks to all the volunteers that made this show possible: especially our wives, significant others, and family who support us in our love of music. Thank you to all the workers in the lobby who are selling CDs, hot apple cider, coffee and sweets. Concession donations will go to the Thoroughbred Chorus and Peacock Children's Theatre. You can find more information information on them under the Chorus picture in the middle of the program.

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Thank you to all the members of the Thoroughbred Chorus who have worked so hard to make the show a success. Your many hours of work will be well rewarded.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for being a part of our Holiday Spectacular. Happy Holidays and please enjoy the show!

Yours in Harmony, Eric Hunstiger President





### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Welcome to the Thoroughbreds' 2015 Spectacular: Reminiscing with the Rat Pack! We are very excited to take along for the ride on this special show this year.

It has been quite an exciting year for the Thoroughbreds. We have been working very hard all year round and have grown considerably in the process. In October we were fortunate to win the Cardinal District competition with our highest score in over 10 years and earned the right to represent the district at next year's International Competition in Nashville, TN.

We are also excited to be talking about getting back into the studio in 2016 to record the first Thoroughbreds CD with me is director. If you want to be a part of any of the above, please come visit us on a Monday night.

I could not do any of this without an incredible support system. I need to think our president, Eric Hunstiger, my assistant director, bass section leader, and Father-in-law, Jay Hawkins, our Music VP and my cousin-in-law, Billy Crutcher (it's all in the family), the rest of my amazing music committee and our excellent board of directors and, of course, every man on the risers.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take up this space to recognize my amazing wife. Without her love, support, and encouragement, I would not be who I am today, and be able to do all of the things I do. No one could ask for a better person to share their life with. Thank you, Kris, from the bottom of my heart.



Drew Wheaton



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Also: Troy Lovett, Mike Ehringer

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Jay Hawkins Asst. Director

Drew is in his 21st year as a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society. He is currently the tenor of the International Silver Medalist quartet, Forefront. Drew holds a bachelor's degree in Music Theory from McGill University and a

bachelor's degree in Music Education and a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Louisville. There, he founded the new a cappella group, Cardinal Rule. Drew is a regular coach of both barbershop quartets and a cappella groups, and has been a clinician at Harmony University, Camp A Cappella, Kettering National A Cappella Festival, and various other barbershop workshops. Drew is a Candidate Singing Judge in the Barbershop Harmony Society judging program. He also teaches private voice lessons, owns a learning track business at www.AKWRecording.com and lives in Louisville, KY with his wife, Kris.





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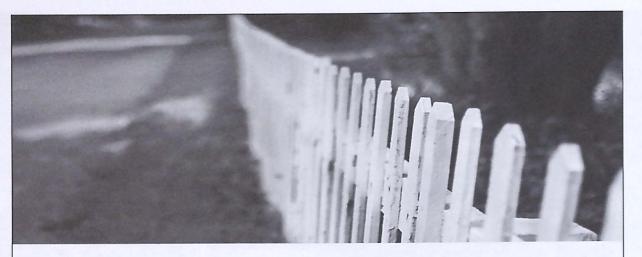






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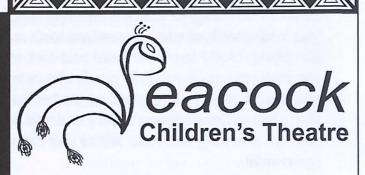


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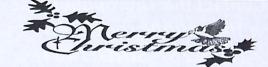




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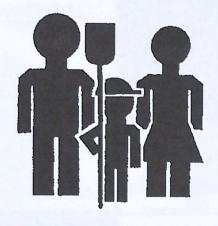
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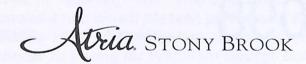
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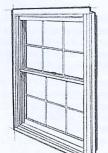
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## After Hours

After Hours started singing together in 2009. Since then, they have had the pleasure of performing in shows and competitions throughout the United States. In addition to winning the Illinois District (BHS) Quartet Championship in 2010, After Hours has consistently excelled in international competition, most recently finishing as the Barbershop Harmony Society's 8th Place Finalist (2015). In September, they qualified for the 2016 international competition with a score of 86.8% and will compete at the international convention next Summer in Nashville, TN.



Tim Beutel (Tenor) started barbershopping in high school, when he formed a quartet inspired by the Gas House Gang. His quartet was together for several years, but they went their separate ways in college. Beginning at Bradley University as an engineering major, Tim soon found that his true passions lay in the music world, and he graduated with a degree in Music Education in 2009. He now teaches choir and general music at Lettie Brown and Morton Junior High School. This year, Tim hopes to finish his master's degree in music education from Illinois State University. Tim enjoys grilling out, golfing, activities with his church, recording learning tracks, and mostly spending time with his family of four!



Drew Ochoa (Lead) was introduced to the barbershop style in his senior year of high school and immediately fell in love. His decision to attended Bowling Green State University was strongly influenced by the school's deep-seeded roots to barbershop singing. Here he formed a quartet and earned a gold medal with the 2011 International Collegiate Quartet Champions, Prestige. Drew has a Bachelor's in Choral Music Education and finished his Master's in Voice Performance from Roosevelt University in 2014. He currently lives in Orlando, FL where he works at Disney World as a Dapper Dan of Main Street. Drew enjoys reading out loud, cycling around Orlando, and eating mangoes. As the newest member of the quartet, he is honored to be a part of the gang and is looking forward to the new adventures.



Dan Wessler (Bass), a native of Peoria, IL, finished his degree in music education at Bradley University in 2008. He completed his master's degree in choral conducting from Western Illinois University in 2012, and currently directs the Freeport High School choral program. Since Dan was introduced to the barbershop style, singing with After Hours has become one of his passions. Dan has also begun arranging for the quartet, helping After Hours find a unique personality in the barbershop world. His other interests include symphonic music, the Beatles, and the Monty Python comedy troupe.Bryan



Bryan Ziegler (Baritone) has barbershop in his blood. His father brought him to his first Midwest Vocal Express Chorus rehearsal when Bryan was nine. He was instantly hooked, and eventually made his way to the international contest stage. He has earned four collegiate quartet medals (2010-13) and three chorus medals (2002-03, 2012), including gold in 2012 with the Ambassadors of Harmony. Bryan graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2012 with a BA in Music, and will graduate with an MA in Music Theory from the University of Minnesota in 2014. Bryan currently lives in St. Louis, MO, where he is pursuing a teacher's certificate. He enjoys cooking with his beautiful wife, Lauren, and playing with his newborn son, Hank.





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**Ken Slye**-Bass singer with the Thoroughbreds for 4 years. Chorus Mgr. for years after leaving the Chorus and remained active, providing the Chorus with many opportunities singing at Military functions including the Medal of Honor Convention.

**Ben Moore**-Bass singer with the Thoroughbreds and Frankfort Chapters for 19 years. He was a tennis champion and instructor.



### THE RAT PACK

Humphrey Bogart was the center of the original Hollywood "Rat Pack," however, the Rat Pack most remembered today was a core group of entertainers in the 1950s and 1960s who had Frank Sinatra at the helm. They were a unique combination of vaudeville performers, Hollywood actors, and bad boys. The members who ran together included Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop. They had a stage act and made films together.

Las Vegas was the Rat Pack's home away from home. They would perform, play golf, party, gamble, and live life in the fast lane every day they were in town. As a group, they filmed 2 movies: Ocean's 11 and Sergeants 3. They took their stage act to the Sands Copa Room and performed to enthusiastic crowds and overwhelming applause. The price of a ticket to see the show, which included dinner and 2 drinks, was \$5.95 per person. These guys were cool, they were happening, and they had a chemistry that became legendary.



### Frank Sinatra; December 12, 1915 - May 14, 1998

Francis Albert Sinatra was born on December 12, 1915 in Hoboken, New Jersey to Marty and Dolly Sinatra, Italian immigrants. His birth was traumatic and difficult. He was born in a kitchen, in a room full of women overseeing Dolly's labor, which stalled. The doctor was called in, and the birth required the use of forceps to deliver the child. In the process, the

baby suffered a tearing of the left side of his face, neck, and ear. The doctor laid the infant, believed dead, by the kitchen sink and turned all his efforts to saving Dolly, who was also in distress. His grandmother, Rosa Garavanti, went to the child, picked him up, and ran water over him, and the baby began to cry. Both mother and child survived the birth. However, the scars remained and Sinatra was taunted as a child because of their appearance, and he avoided being photographed from his left side for his entire career.

He was the leader of the pack, the "Rat Pack," that is. He has been described as talented, temperamental, masterful, and an autocrat. He gave the impression of being a hard-core boozer, womanizer, and gambler. Jim Morrison once said "No one can touch him." He was romantically linked to actresses Judy Garland, Lauren Bacall, Juliet Prowse, Marilyn Monroe, and Angie Dickinson, among many others.



### Sammy Davis Jr.; December 8, 1925 - May 16, 1990

"Just do what you're best at, and when you can't do it any longer-stop."

Samuel George Davis Jr was born on December 8, 1925 in New York City. He debuted as a child star in the 1920s and came to be known as "Mr. Entertainment." He wore many hats, including as a vaudeville child star, singer, dancer, actor, comedian and writer. The

neon lights in Las Vegas dimmed in tribute to this great performer upon his death.



### Dean Martin; June 7, 1917-December 25, 1995

Dino Paul Crocetti was born on June 7, 1917, in Steubenville, Ohio. His father was an Italian immigrant and his mother was an Italian-American. He dropped out of high school and worked as a gas station attendant, in a steel mill, and prize-fighting under under the name Kid Crochet.

Martin was a core member of the "Rat Pack." His stage persona was that of a womanizing, cigarette-smoking, boozing playboy. However, much of the alcohol that he "drank" on the set was actually apple juice. He was a crooner, with a melodic voice that was very distinguishable. Martin had requested to work with Marilyn Monroe on Something's Got to Give in 1962. Monroe passed away during production and the movie was never completed.

At 17, he moved on to performing in clubs in Ohio and eventually New York City, where he achieved modest success on the night club circuit. He changed his name to Dean Martin in 1940.



### Peter Lawford; September 7, 1923-December 24, 1984

Peter Lawford was known as "The Man Who Kept the Secrets." He was suave, very handsome, charming, and elegant; however, he had only a minimum of talent and was not particularly intelligent.

Peter Sydney Ernest Aylen was born on September 7, 1923 in London. Lawford started his acting career in England with a debut at age 7 in a movie titled Poor Old Bill. He later went on to sign with MGM Studios.



### Joey Bishop; February 3, 1928-October 17,2007

Joseph Abraham Gottlieb was born on February 3, 1918 in the Bronx, New York. Bishop knew that he wanted to be an entertainer at an early age and took up tap dancing and musical instruments. His father, a bicycle repairman, taught him to sing Yiddish songs. At the age of 18, he went into vaudeville comedy. He was known for his sarcastic frown and

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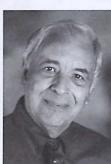
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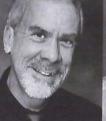
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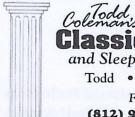
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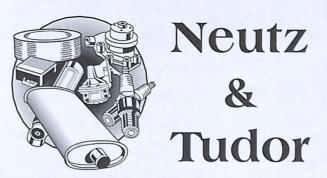
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- 2 MEMBER INDUCTED INTO SOCIETY HALL OF FAME Jim Miller (2005); Bluegrass Student Union (2012)
- 2 SOCIETY STAFF MEMBERS Ken Buckner (Manager of Conventions and Meetings (1987-1997); Bill Myers (Music Specialist-1985-1989)
- 2 SOCIETY CONVENTION CHAIRMEN Larry Knott (1991); Dave Duncan (2004)
- 2 SOCIETY CHAMPION BULLETIN EDITOR Jim Fulks (1980); Warren Donaldson (1997)
- 2 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS Jim Burgess (1972-73); Ron Brumleve (2010-11)
- 4 CHORUS BRONZE MEDALS 1972, 1987, 1992, 1999
- 5 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS Ed Hackett (1952-53); Tom Bolton (1965-66); Ernie Nickoson (1976-77); Dave Duncan (2006-07); Ron Brumleve (2012)
- 7 CHORUS SILVER MEDALS 1961, 1965, 1973, 1977, 1988, 1989, 1990
- 7 CHORUS GOLD MEDALS 1962, 1966, 1969, 1974, 1978, 1981, 1984
- 11 CARDINAL DISTRICT BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR Jim Miller (1966 and 1976); Joe Cutsinger (1969 and 1973); Ernie Nickoson (1974 and 1981); Gordon Richens (1970); Ed Gentry (1978); Ken Buckner (1983); Larry Knott (1991); Dave Duncan (2008)
- 12 INTERNATIONAL CHORUS CHAMPIONS DIRECTED BY CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBERS THOROUGHBREDS (7-Jim Miller, Joe Wise, Bill Benner); SOUTHERN GATEWAY (1992- Jim Miller); MASTERS OF HARMONY (4- Mark Hale)

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- 14 INTERNATIONAL QUARTET CHAMPIONS WITH AT LEAST ONE MAN AN ACTIVE OR FORMER MEMBER Gentleman's Agreement (1971); The Bluegrass Student Union (1978); The Interstate Rivals (1987); Second Edition (1989); Keepsake (1992); Gas House Gang (1993); Marquis (1995); Revival (1998); Platinum (2000); Michigan Jake (2001); The Barons (2003 Sr. Division); Crossroads (2009); Old School (2011); Rusty Pipes (2012 Sr. Division)
- 16 DISTRICT QUARTET CHAMPIONS Derbytowners (1959); Club House Four (1962); Citations (1965); Downsmen (1969); Bluegrass Student Union (1974); Har rington Brothers (1980); Rogues Gallery (1981); Interstate Rivals (1982); Class of '84 (1984); Second Edition (1986); High Spirits (1990); Way Over 40-Four (1993 Se niors Champion); The Sensations (2000); The Barons (2000 Seniors Champion); Finish Line (2012 Seniors Champion); Forefront (2014)
- 16 MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO CARDINAL DISTRICT HALL OF FAME Jim Miller, Ed Hackett, Joe Cutsinger, Ed Gentry (1991); Ken Buckner, Ernie Nick oson (1992); Citations Quartet (Jim Miller, Ken Buckner, Bob Netherton, Bill Myers -1995); Don Julian (2001); Lowell Shank (2003); Bluegrass Student Union Quar tet (Ken Hatton, Allen Hatton, Rick Staab, Dan Burgess (2004); Jim Burgess (2004); Dave Duncan (2010)
- 18 CHORUS MEDALS AWARDED IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
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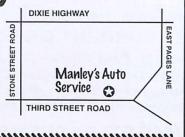
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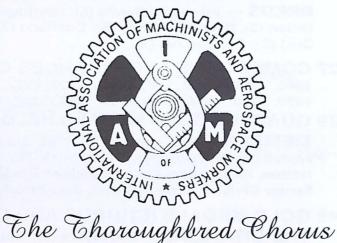
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